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Preliminary Amendment; and 1.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In regard to the subject application, please amend as 1 follows: 2 3 IN THE CLAIMS 4 5 Please cancel claim 1, and add the following new 6

2. A method of managing institutional telephone activity between a calling party and a called party, wherein said method comprises the steps of:

claims: